



# **The Fundamentals Of Tissue Arrays**

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# What Is A Tissue Array?

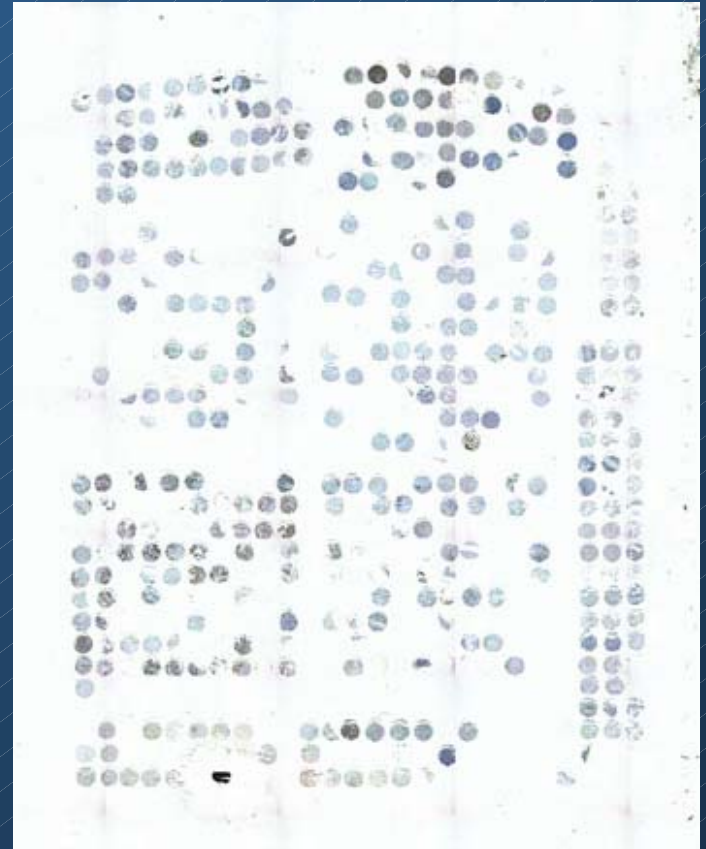


- *A Block Of Samples From Hundreds Of Blocks*
- Multiple Samples
- Paraffin Embedded Tissue
- Arranged In An Organized Fashion



# What Can A Tissue Array Be Used For?

- Immunohistochemistry
- Immunofluorescence
- In Situ Hybridization
- FISH
- Histochemical Stains

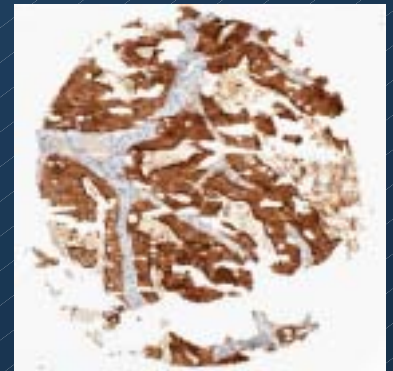
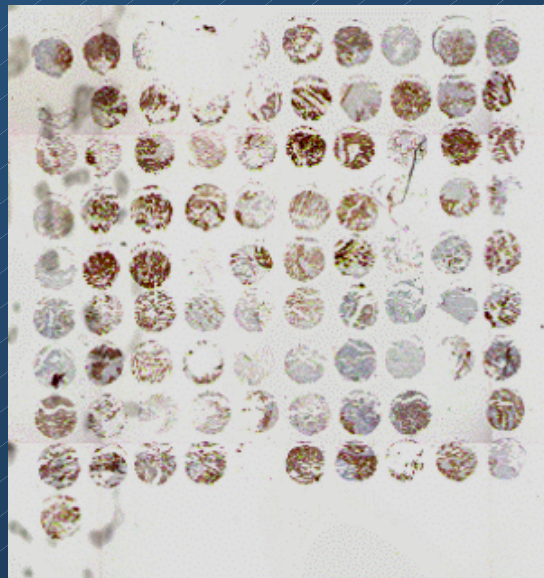
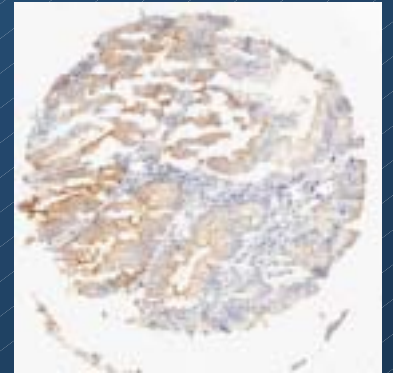
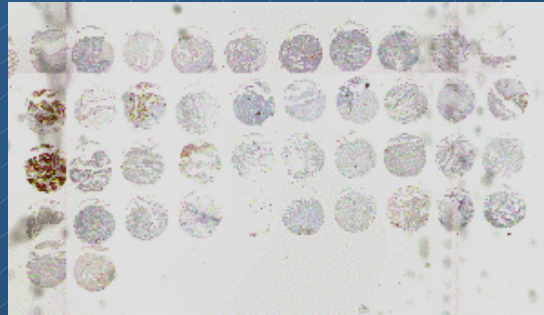


# Why Tissue Arrays ?

- New Antibodies For Diagnostics
- New Prognostic Markers
- Target Verification For Micro-Arrays
- Time Courses
- Developmental Biology
- Treated Vs. Untreated
- **High Throughput Pathology**

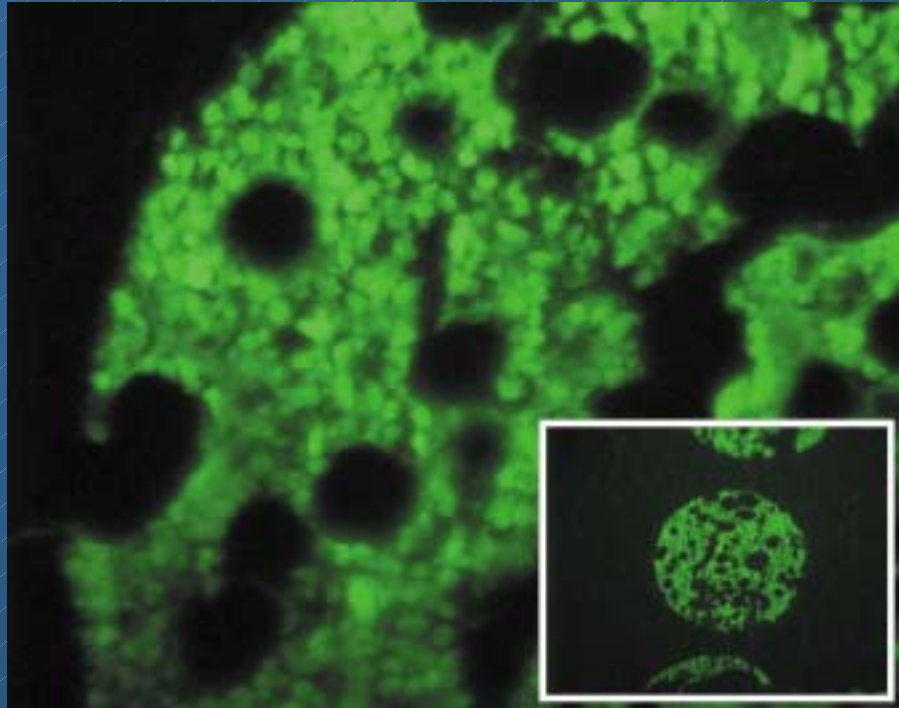
# Example: Villin

Differentiate Colonic From Ovarian Adenocarcinoma

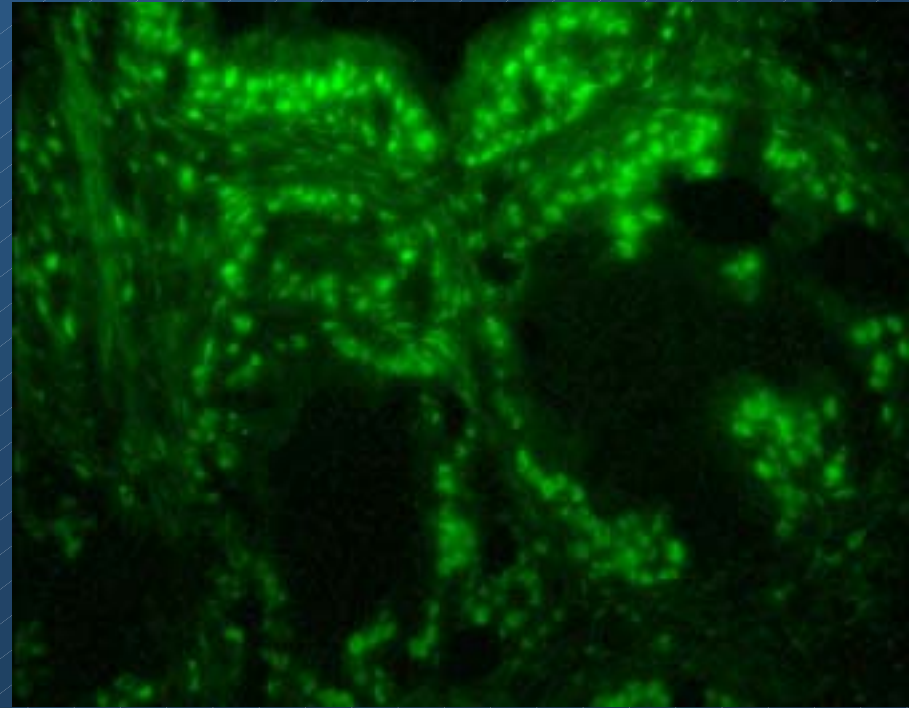


# Immunofluorescence

10% Formalin



70% Ethanol



alpha p300

# Applications In The Kidney

- Studies Of Renal Tumors
- Studies Of Global Parenchymal Disease
- Studies Of Disease That Differentially Involve The Cortex & Medulla
- Not A Technology Easily Applied To The Glomerulus



# Array Construction

1. Design Array
2. Map Donor Slides
3. Build Array Block
4. Section Array Block
5. Stain Array Slides
6. Analyze Data
7. Integrate Data





# Design

- Density Of Array
  - Spot Size
- Over Sampling
- Normal Tissue
  - Normal Of The Tissue Of Interest
  - Normal From Entire Animal
- Open Space



# Balancing Act

## Sample Size Vs. Sample Number

Punch Diameter

0.6 mm

1.0 mm

1.5 mm

2.0 mm

Field Of View

40 X field

20 X field

10 X field

# Mapping Donor Tissue

Marker Cores



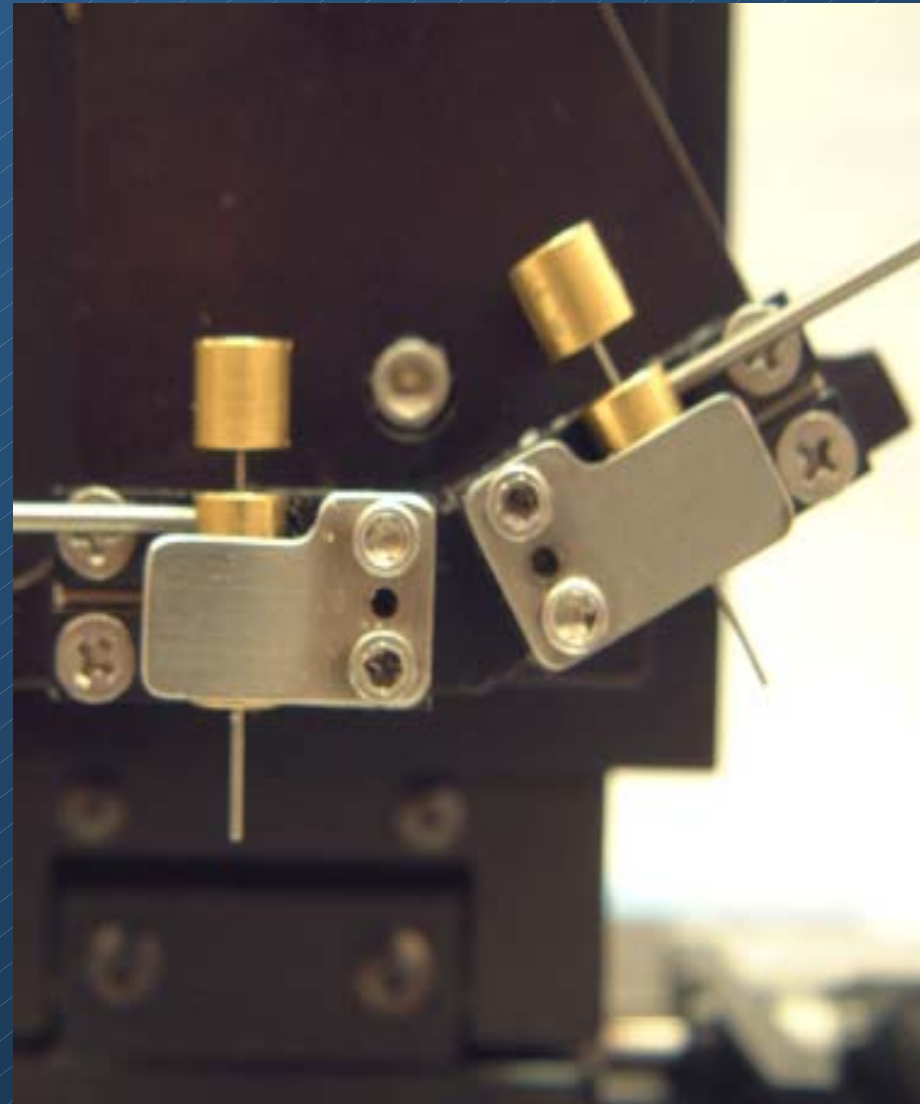
Tissue To Be Punched



Inside Marked Region



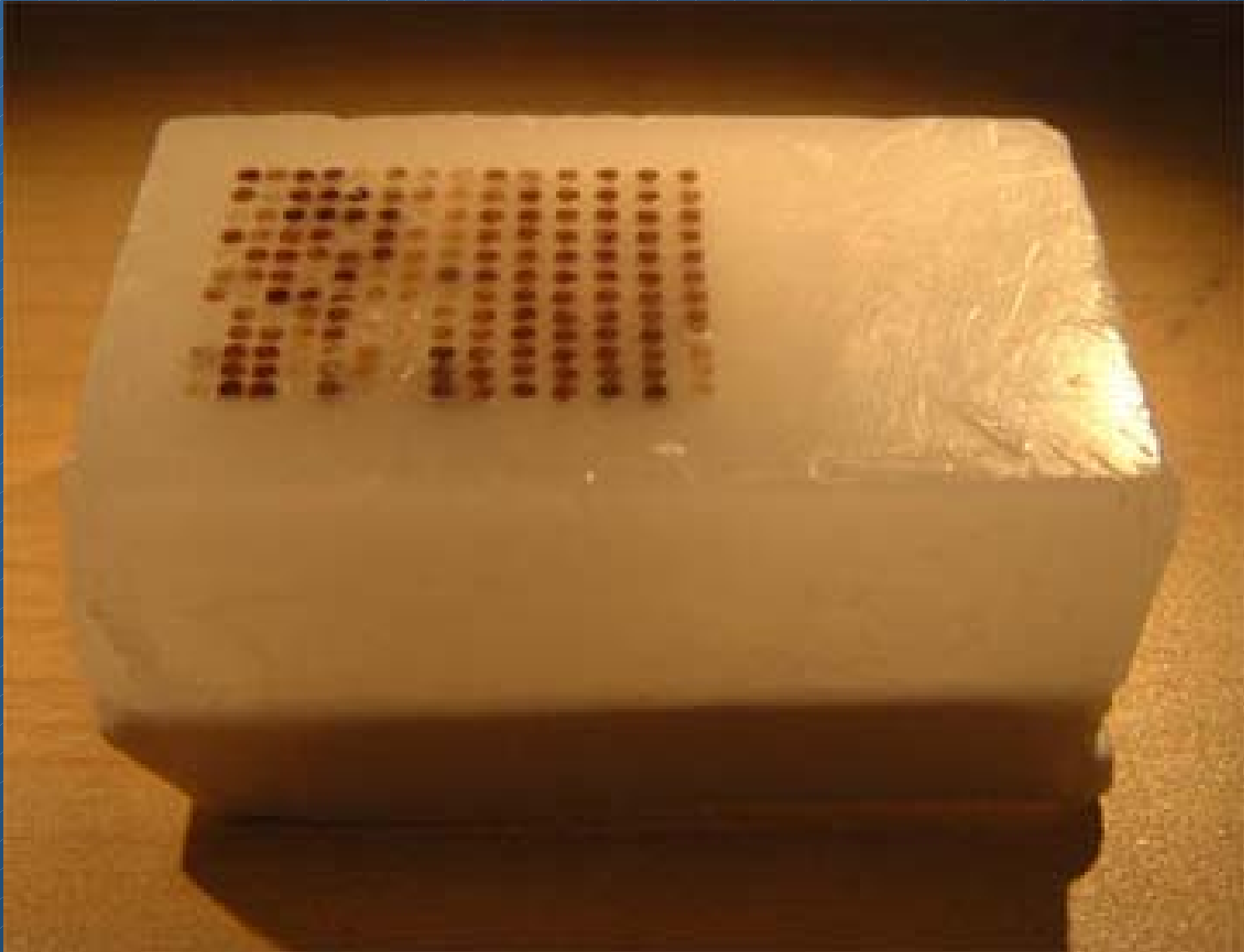
# Manual Tissue Arrayer



# Block After Donation



# An Recipient Array Block





# Tape Sectioning

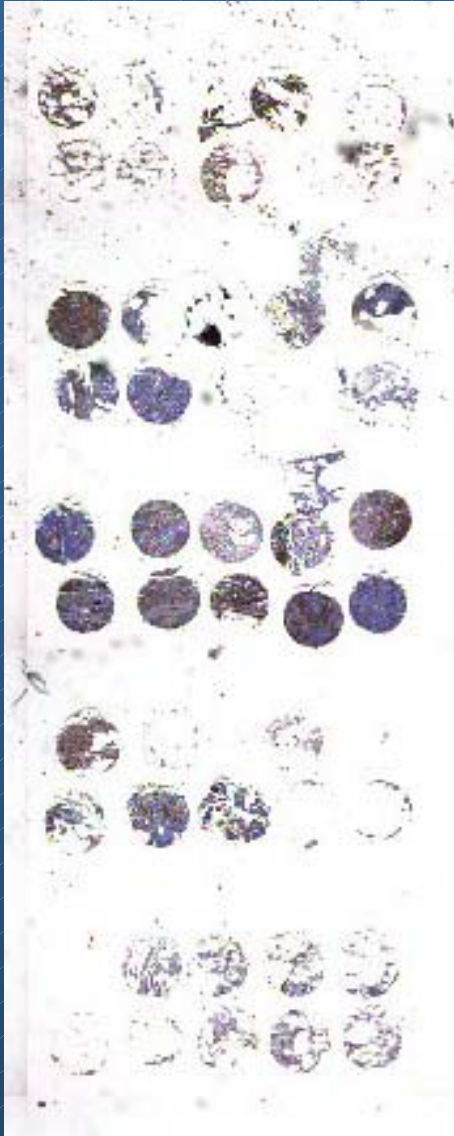
- UV Sensitive Acrylic Coated Slides And Tape Transfer By **Instrumedics**
- Benefits
  - No Stretching Or Distortion – Aligned Array
  - No Loss Of Sections – Every Section Used
  - Durable – Withstands All Antigen Retrievals
- Issues
  - Residue – Sticky, Slow To Dehydrate
  - Expensive – Cost Of Slide & Tape
  - Resolution – “Lumpy” Sections

# Tape Vs Standard Slides

**Tape  
Section**

**Improved  
Retention**

**No Stretch**



**Regular  
Section**

**Loss Of  
Spots**

**Loss Of  
Alignment**



# Immunohistochemistry

- Antigen Retrieval
  - Very Durable
- Increase Hydration/Dehydration Times 25%
- Increase Incubation Times 25-50%
- Automated Stainers May Pose Problems
- Recommendation
  - Try Surplus Slides First





**Now The Real Problem**

**Collection & Analysis  
Of The Data**

*“Overwhelmed By Tissue Arrays!  
– Pathologist Seeks To Clone Himself”*

# Data Depth



1A151 H&E

1A155 stain1

1A158 stain 2

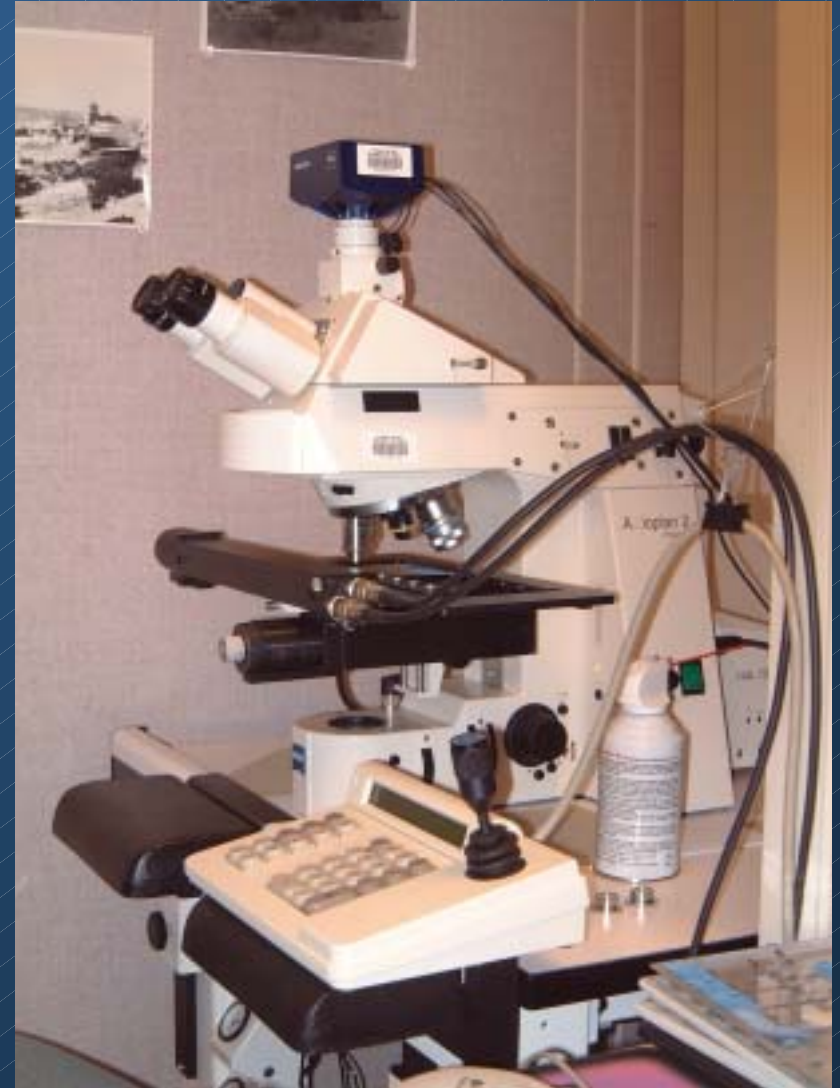
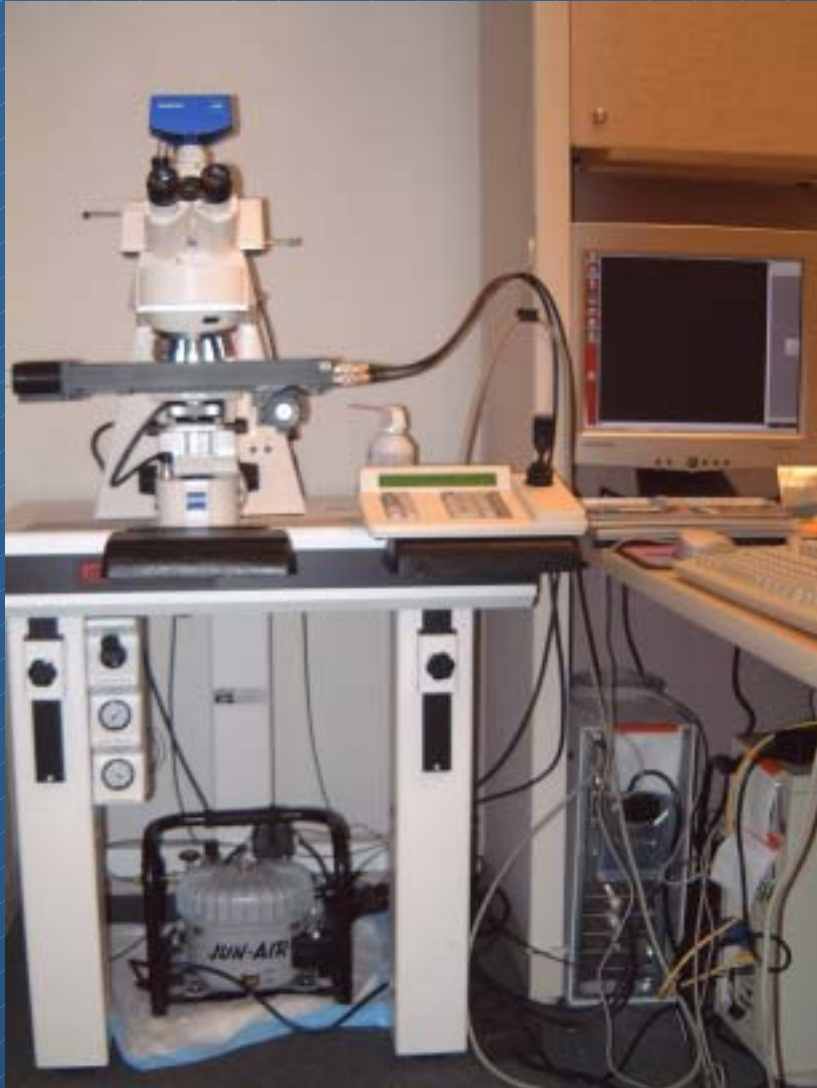
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# The Work Horse





# The Future Is Here !



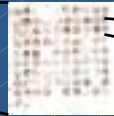


# Automated Image Analysis

Montage



Select Region Of Interest



Capture Individual Spots



**Interpret / Analyze Spots**

Database Results

Interpret Data

Release To  
Public Database

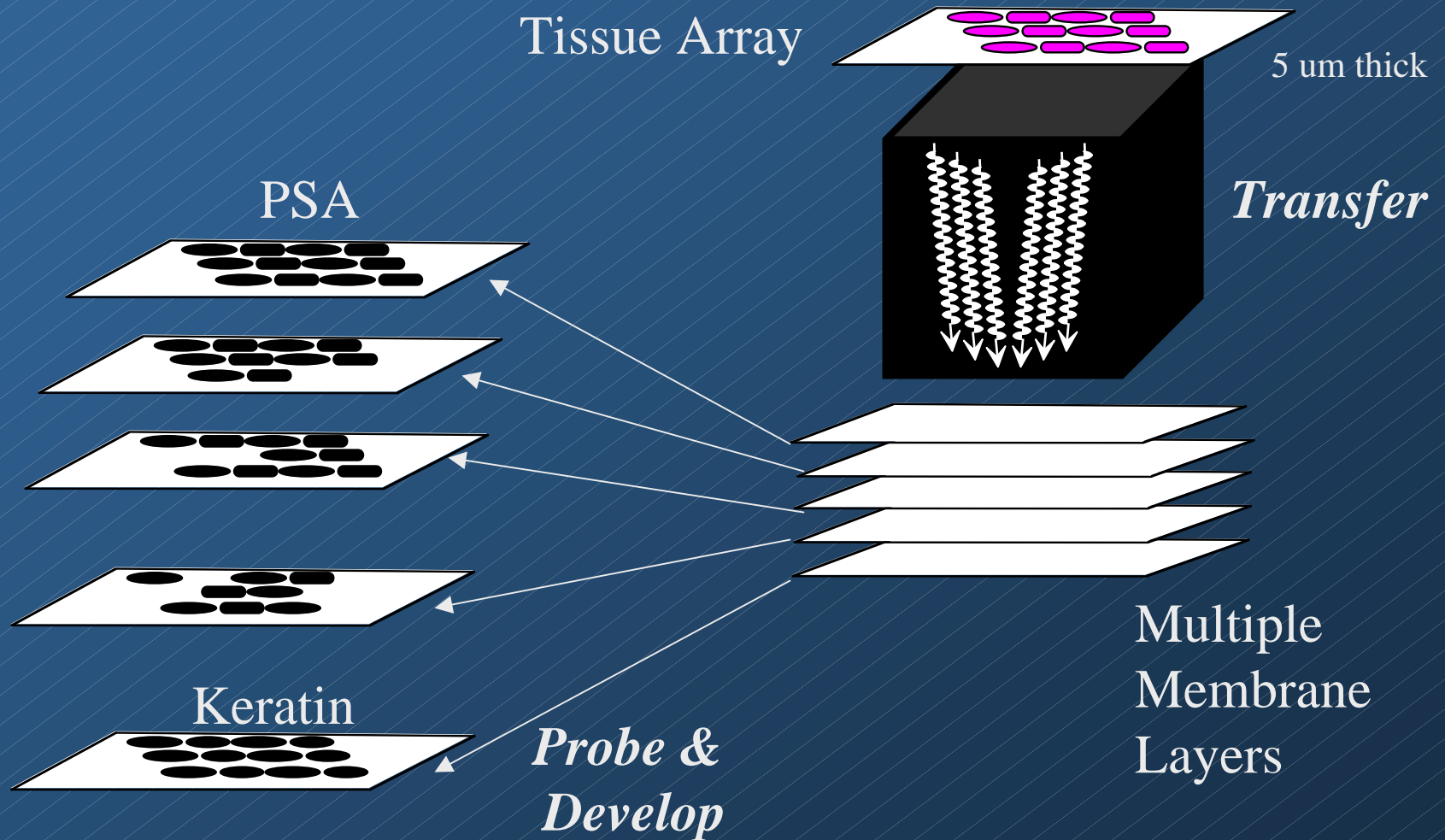
Analyze Additional Stains

**Publish**

END

- Limitations Of Tissue Arrays
  - Tissue Changes As One Sections Deeper Into Array
  - Many Antibodies Available Do Not Work In Paraffin
  - Immunohistochemistry Is Not Very Quantifiable
- Goals
  - Multiple Assays On A Single Slide
  - Use A Wide Range Of Antibodies
  - Quantifiable / Internal Reference

# Tissue Blotting

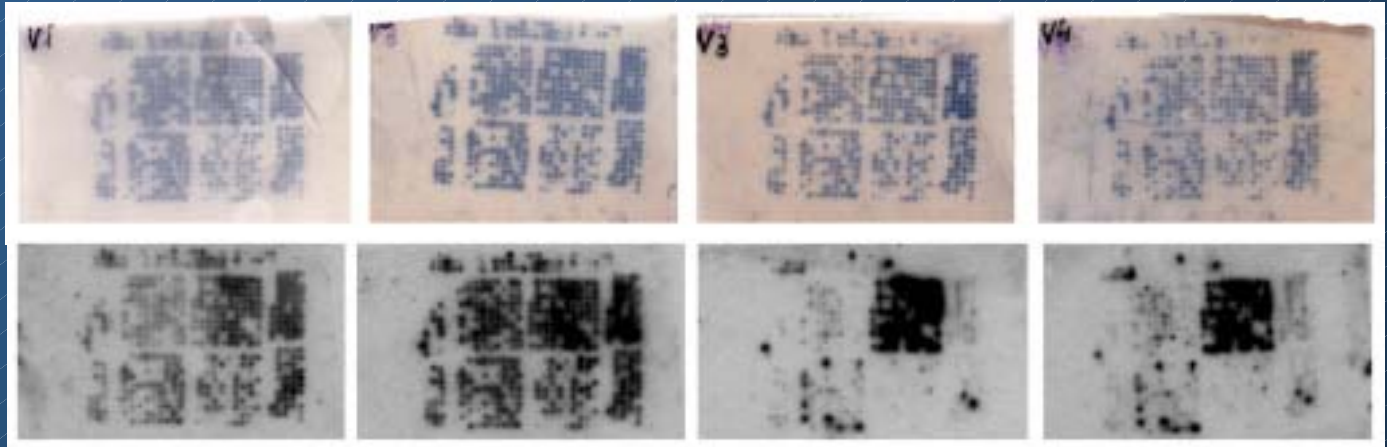


**Developed In A CRADA With 20/20 Gene Systems, Inc.**

# Layered Membrane Analysis Of Tissue Arrays



**Total  
protein**



**Ab  
detection**

**Keratin**

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**PSA**

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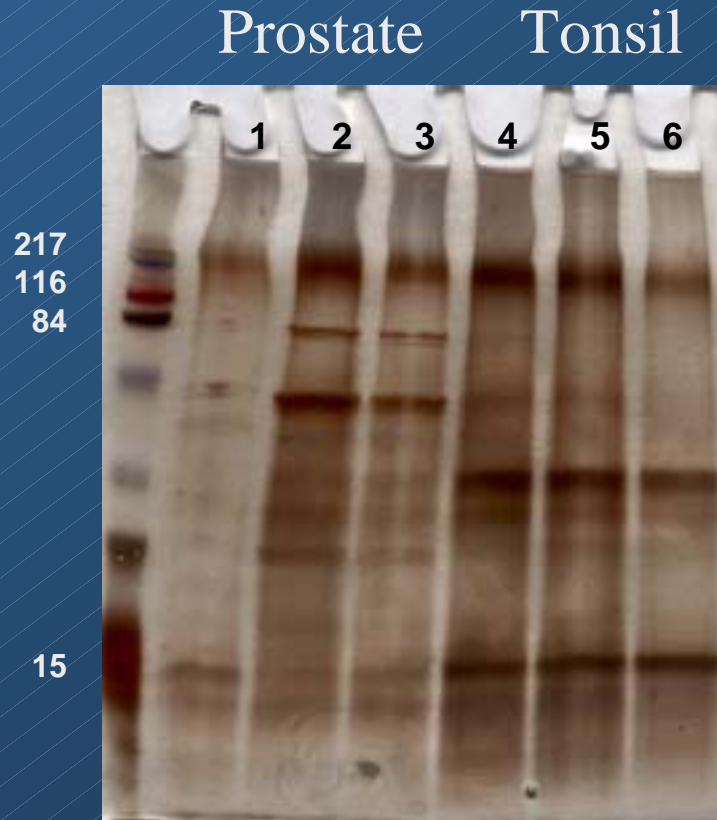
# Western Blot Of Transferred Tissue



Proteins eluted  
in denaturing  
buffer



1D SDS PAGE



# Transfer Reproducibility

Layer #1



Layer #2



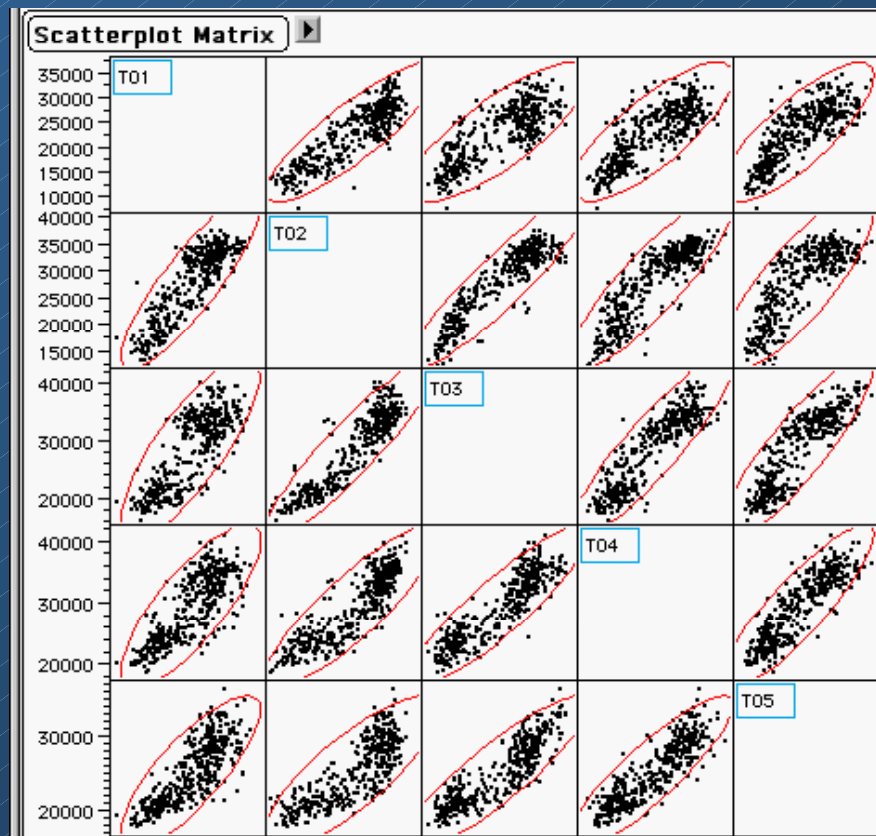
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Layer #4



Layer #5



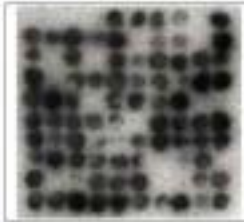
# IHC Vs. ECL

**PSA**

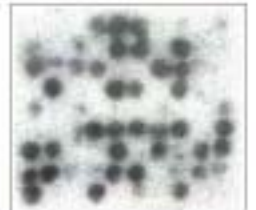
**p53**

**Keratin**

**Prostate CA**



**Breast CA**



The background of the slide is a repeating pattern of pink circles, each containing a faint, textured image of a flower or plant. The circles are arranged in a grid-like fashion across the entire slide.

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# Is This For Me?

- Equipment Cost
  - Additional Equipment Needed In Addition To A Histology Lab – \$10K
  - From Ground Up Cost, Small Scale - \$30K
  - Large Scale Full Time Lab - \$500K
- Requires A Pathologist & Histotechnologist



# Array Construction

1. Designing Array
2. Mapping Donor Slides
3. Arraying
4. Sectioning Of Array Block
5. Staining Of Array Slides
6. Data Analysis





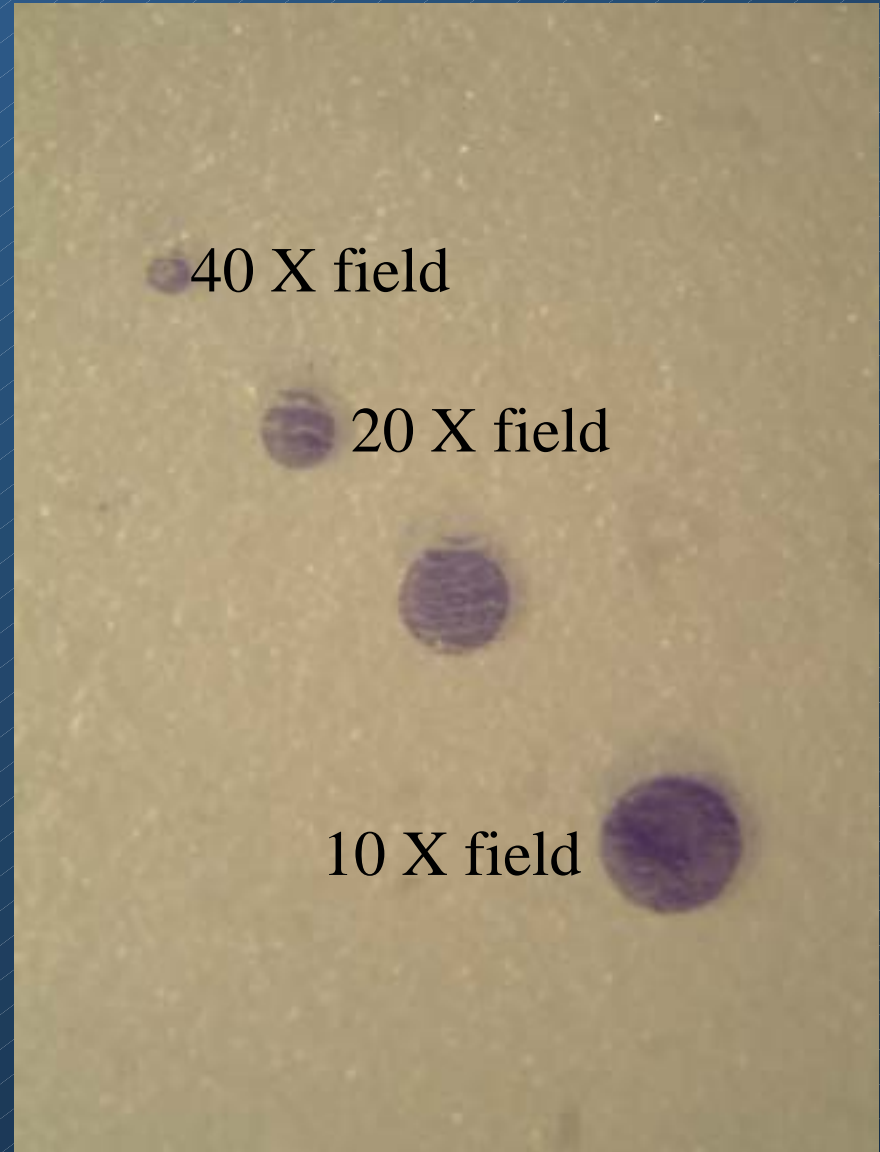
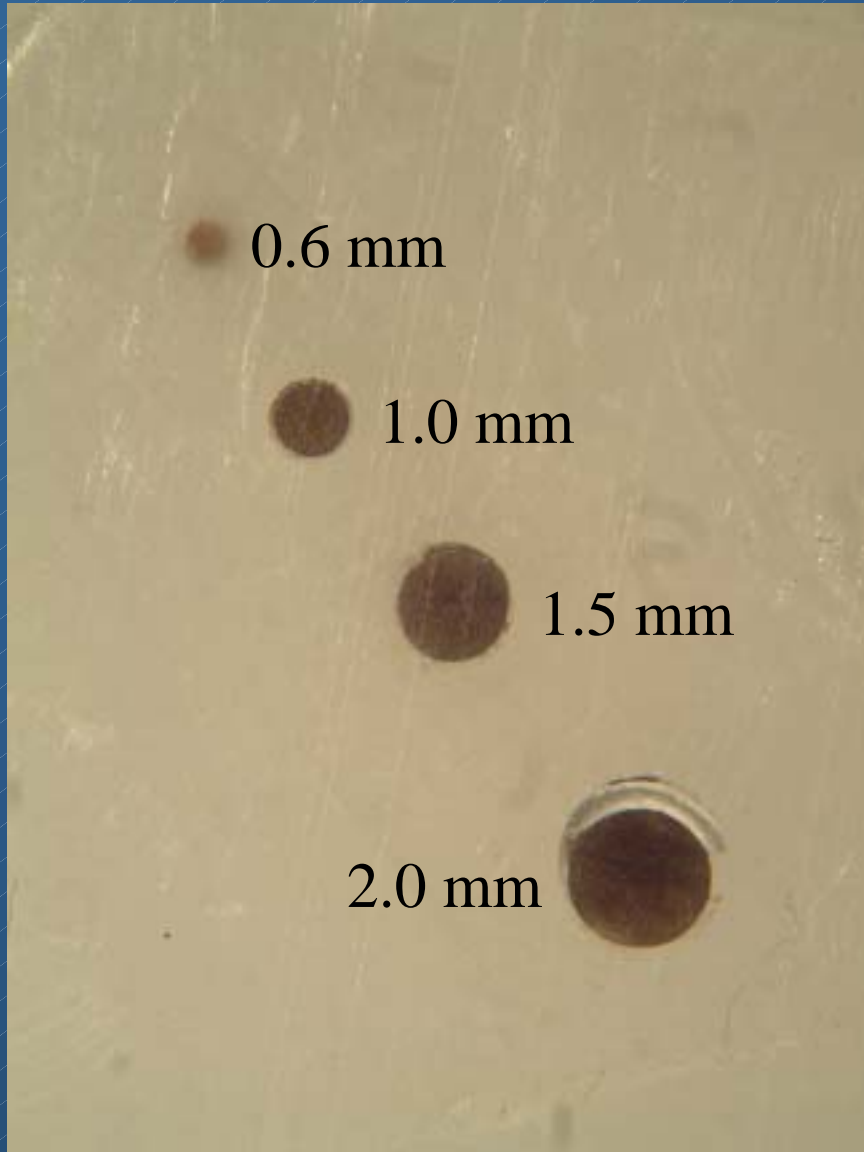
# Design Principles

- Over-sampling
- Open Space
- Clusters
- Asymmetry
- Punch Size



# Balancing Act

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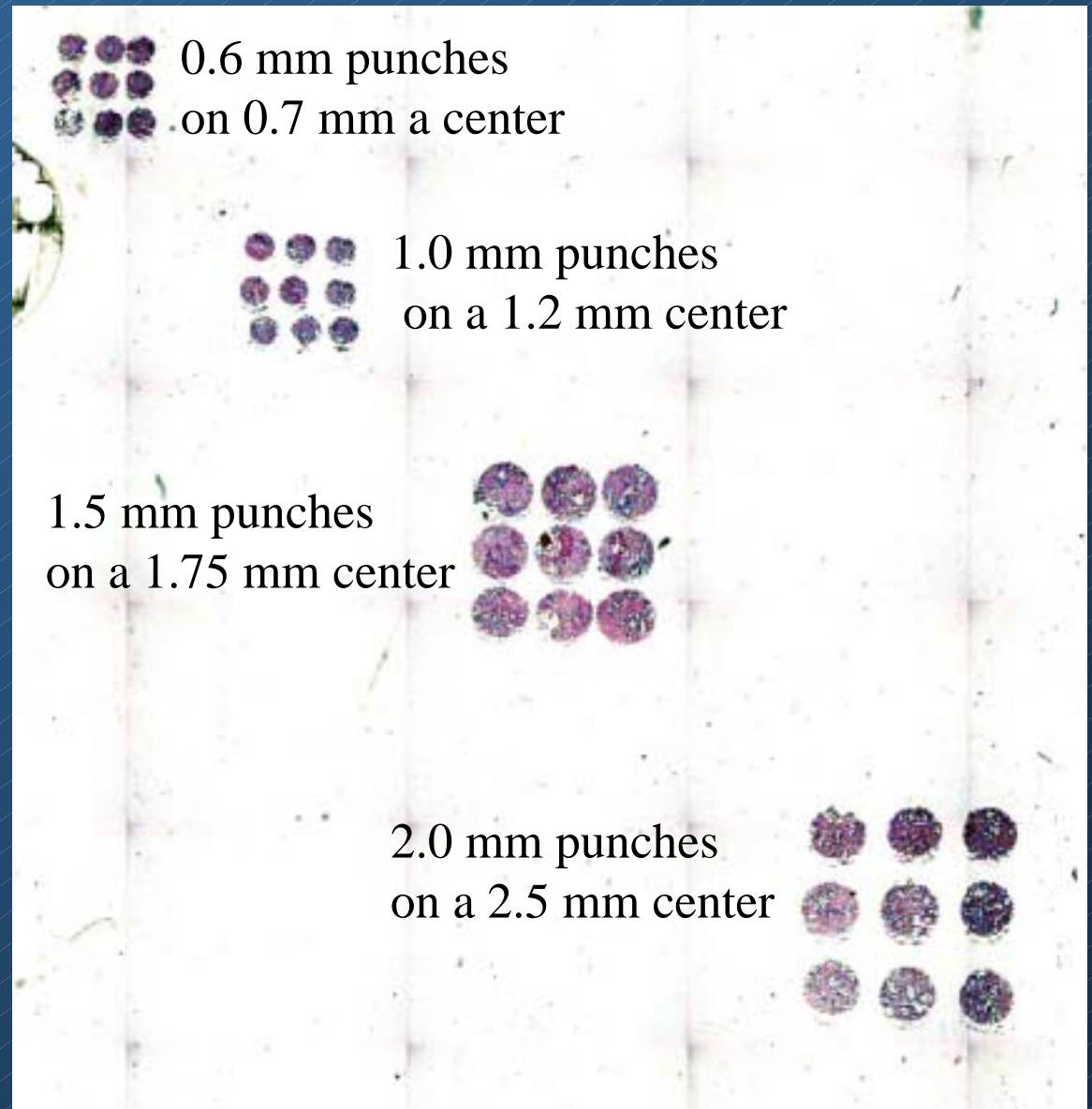


# Punch Size

Punch Size	Area	Lens	Array Size
0.6 mm	0.28 mm <sup>2</sup>	40x	500
1.0 mm	0.79 mm <sup>2</sup>	20x	300
1.5 mm	1.77 mm <sup>2</sup>		150
2.0 mm	3.14 mm <sup>2</sup>	10x	50

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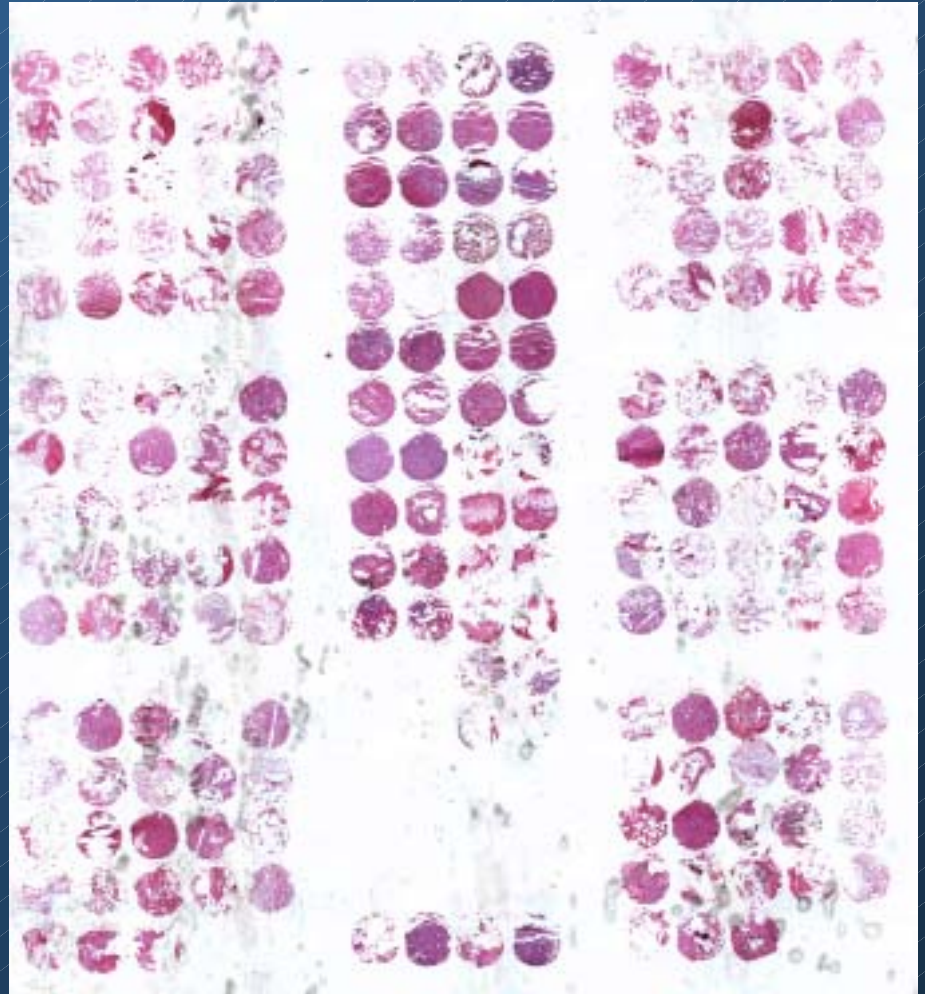
- Punch Size
- Spacing

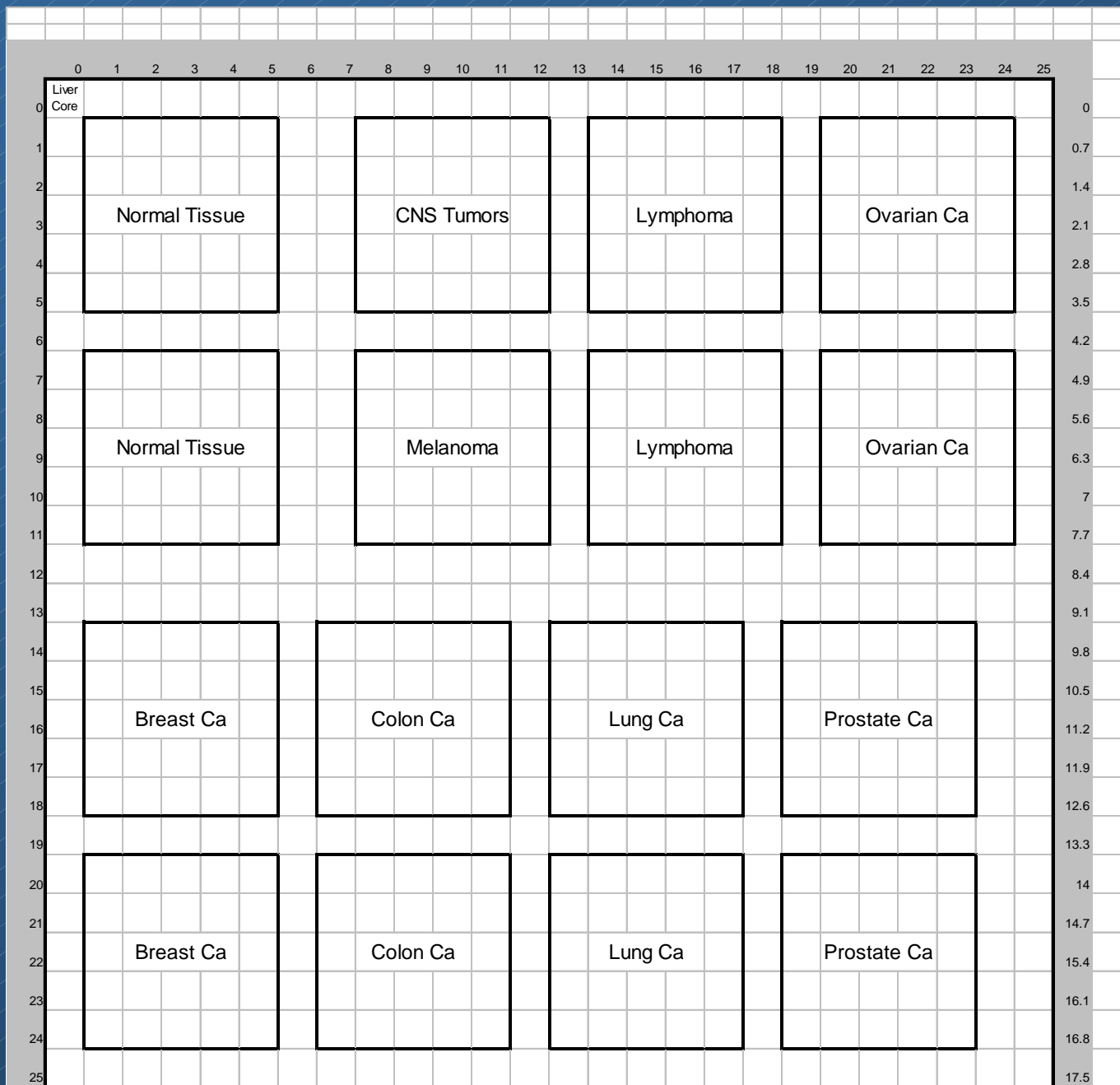




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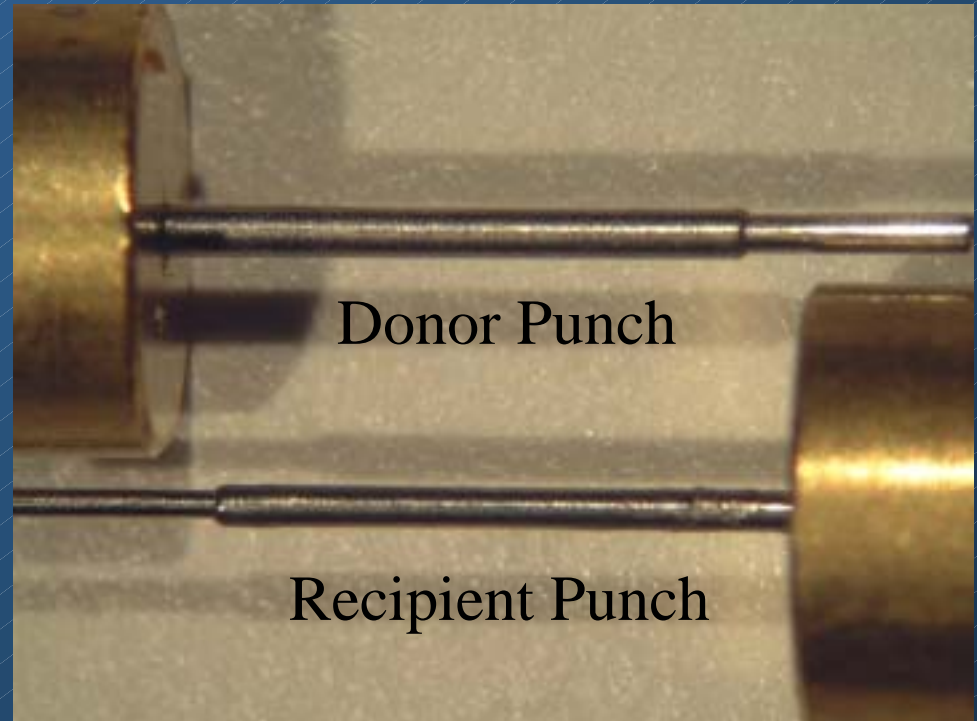
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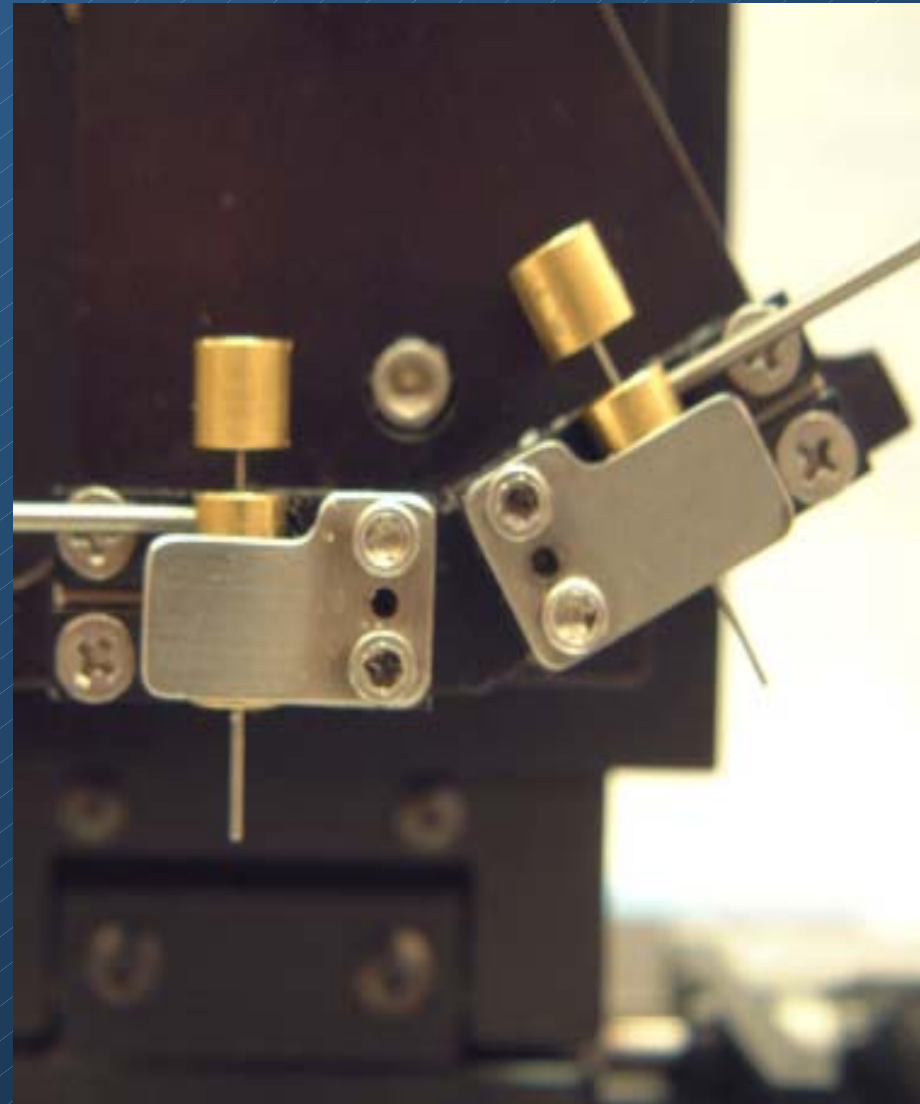


# Arrayer Needles

- Recipient Punch  
External Diameter  
Equals The Internal  
Diameter Of The  
Donor Punch



# Manual Tissue Arrayer





# Manual Arraying



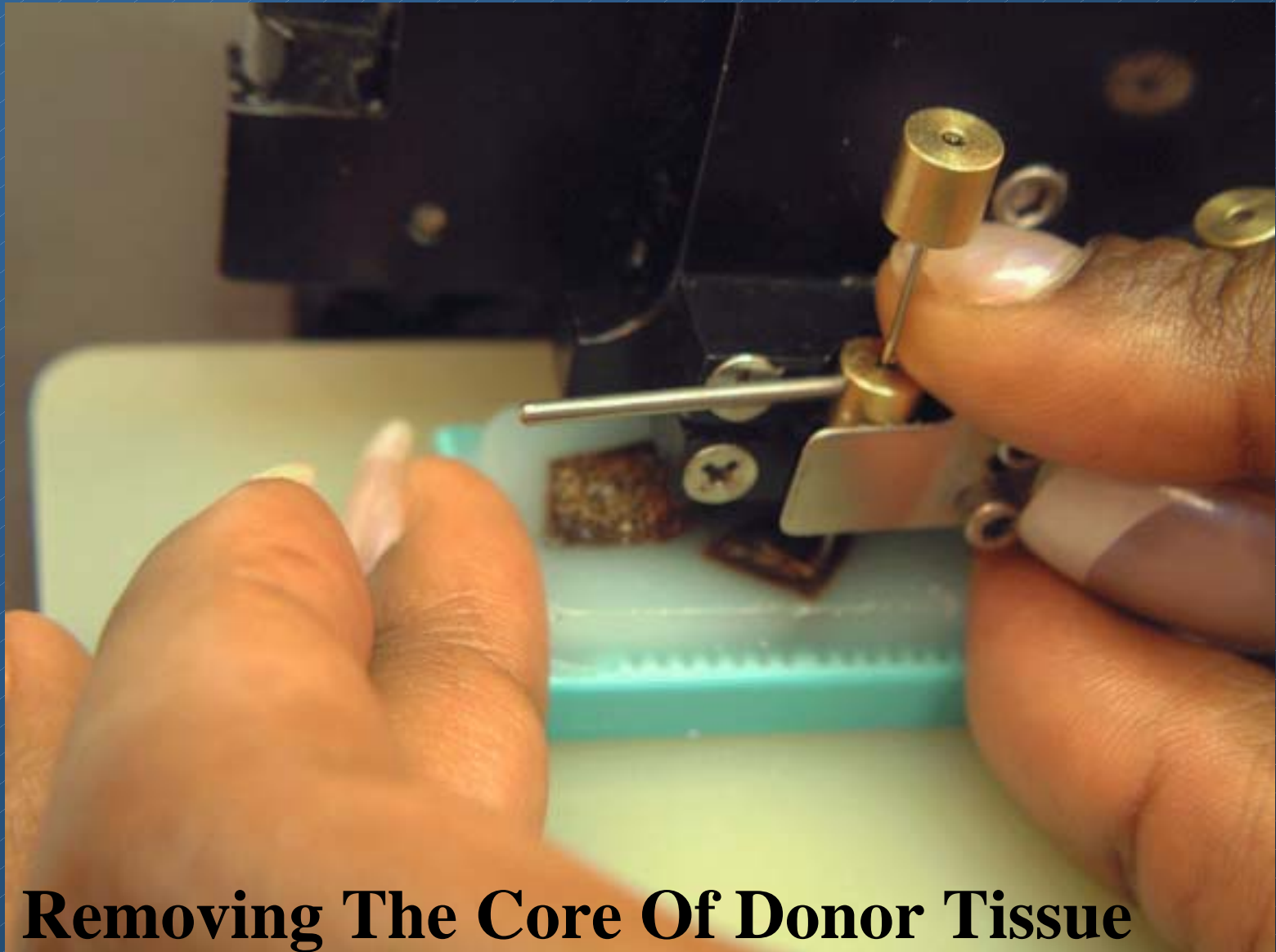
**Making A Hole In The Recipient Block**

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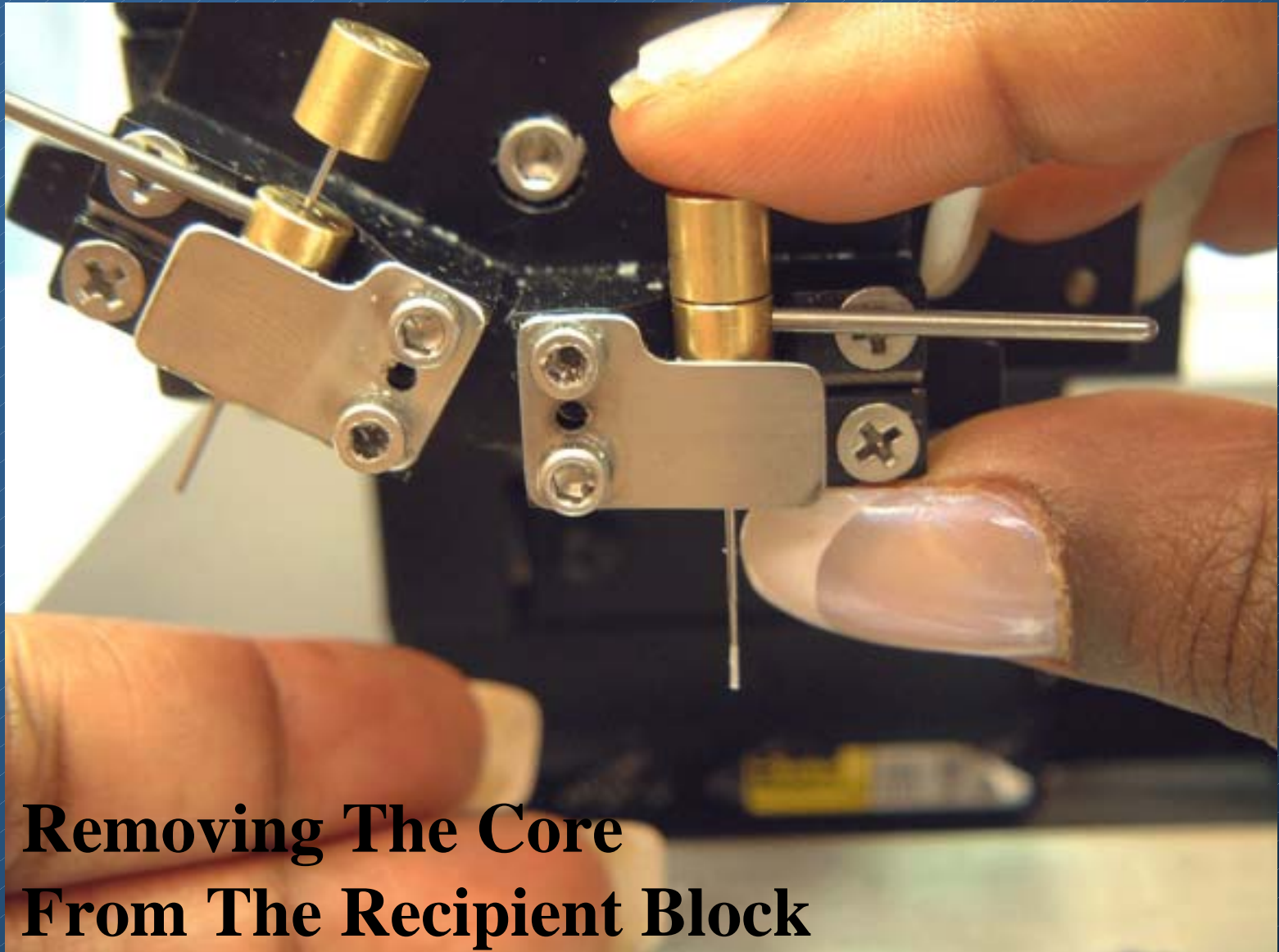
**Mapping Donor Block**

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**Removing The Core Of Donor Tissue**

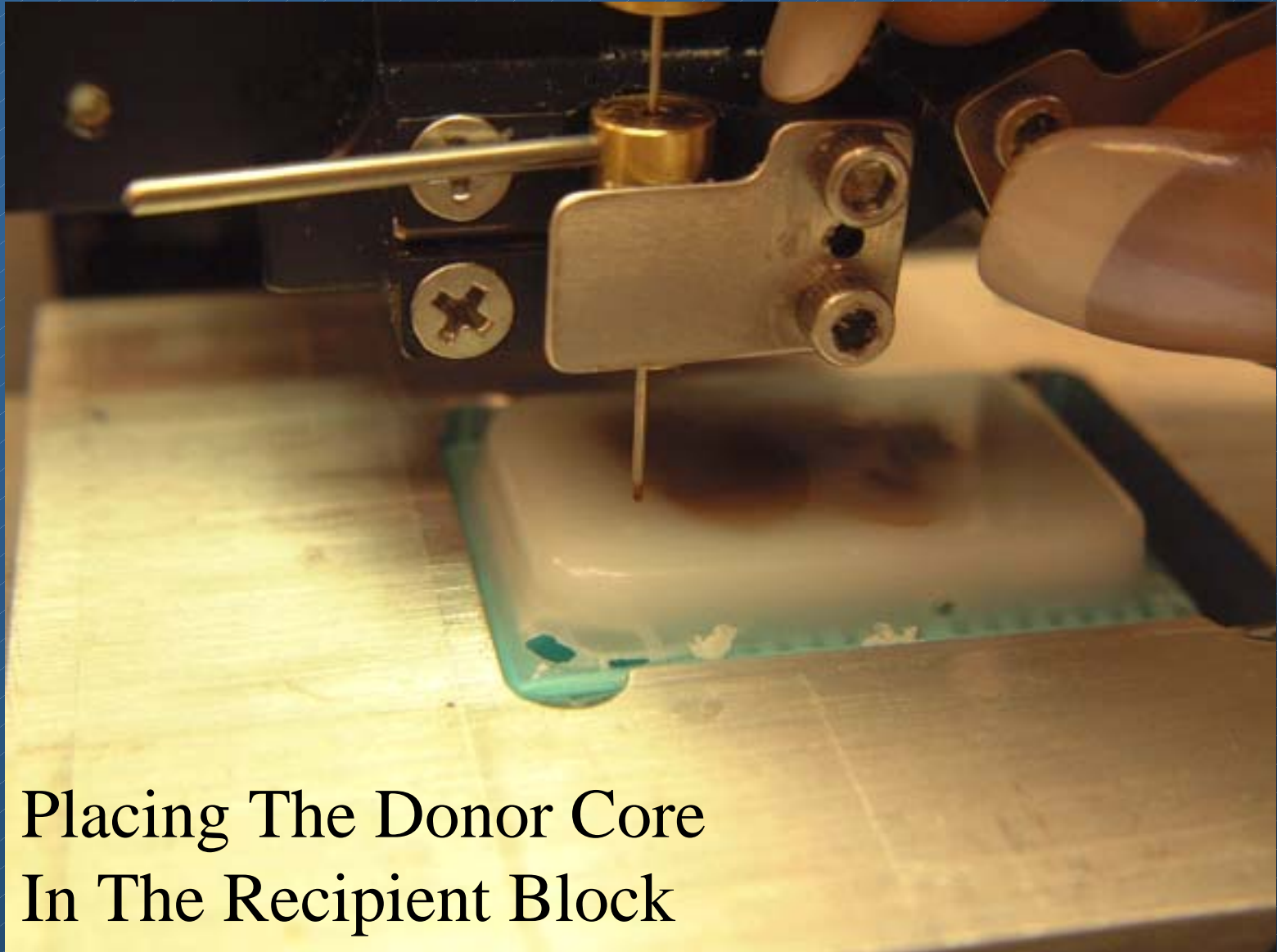
# Manual Arraying



**Removing The Core  
From The Recipient Block**



# Manual Arraying



Placing The Donor Core  
In The Recipient Block

# Block After Donation



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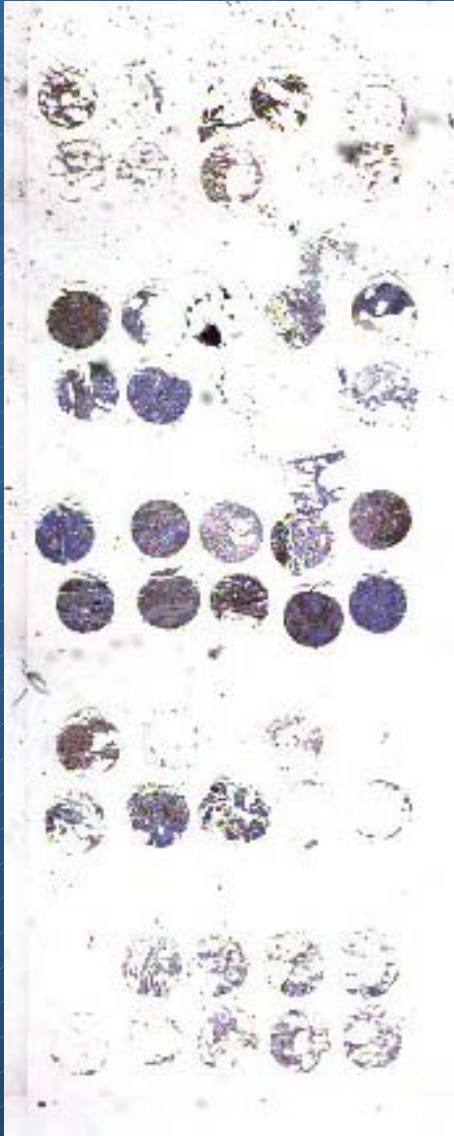
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# Issues Concerning Human Tissue

- Patient Material Requires IRB Approval
- Archival Material
  - Formalin Fixed
  - Variable Fixation and Processing Conditions
- Prior Use Of Blocks Decreases The Number Of Usable Sections Obtainable

# Animal Tissue – Plan Ahead

- Fixatives
  - Formalin
    - Decalcification With EDTA
  - 70% Ethanol
- Controlled Processing
- Customized Blocking & Preparation For Arraying

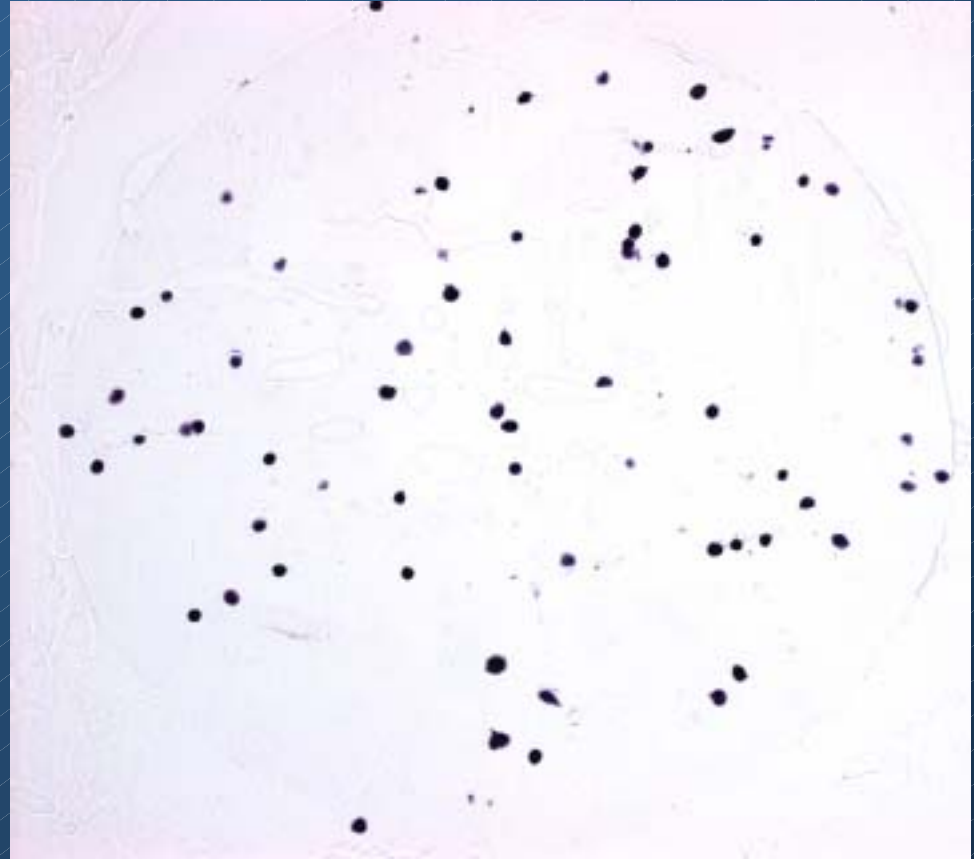
# 70 % Ethanol As A Fixative

- Improved Recovery Of Nucleic Acids
- No Cross-linking Of Proteins
- No Auto-Fluorescence
- Conditions For Immunohistochemistry Resemble Those Of Frozen Tissue
- Minimal Change In Histology
- Only Change Is Removal Of First Step On Processor



# Cell Block Construction

- Embed Cells In Agarose
- Process As Tissue



# Resources

- Arrayers: Beecher Instruments-
  - <http://www.beecherinstruments.com/>
- Tape Sectioning: Instrumedics-
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- NCI TARP LAB
  - <http://resresources.nci.nih.gov/tarp/index.cfm>
- NHGRI Tissue Array Lab
  - <http://www.nhgri.nih.gov/DIR/CGB/TMA/>
- Layered Membranes - 20/20 Gene Systems, Inc.
  - <http://www.2020gene.com/>

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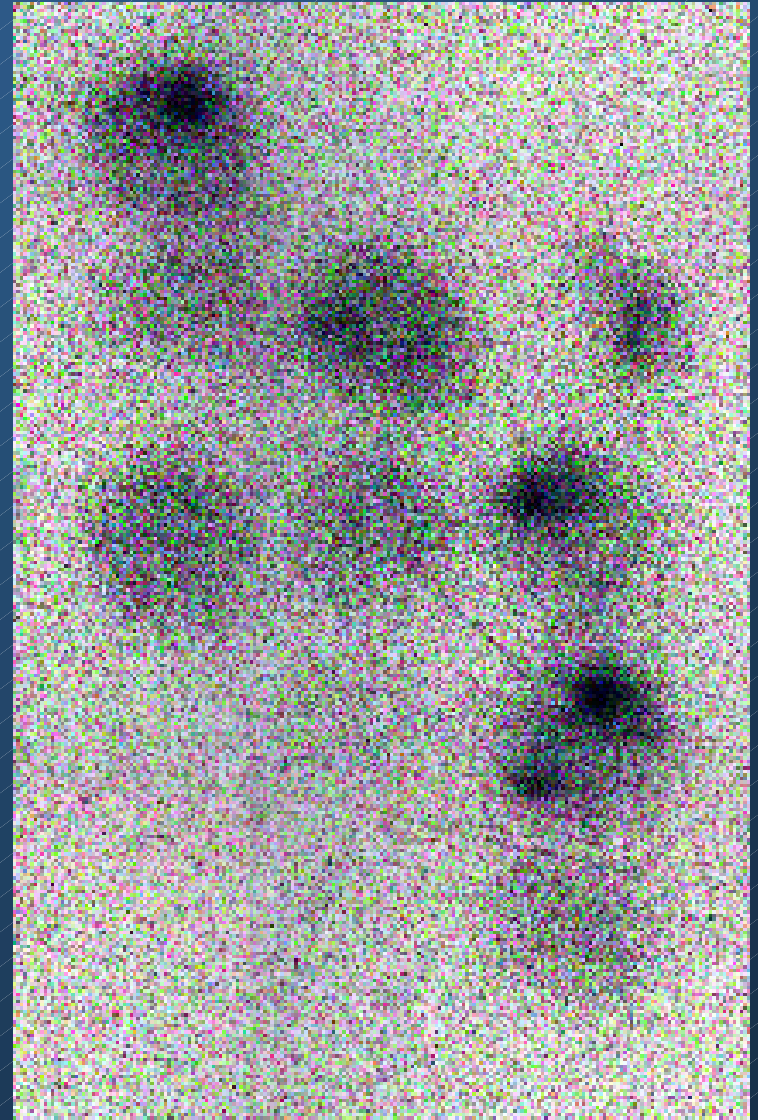
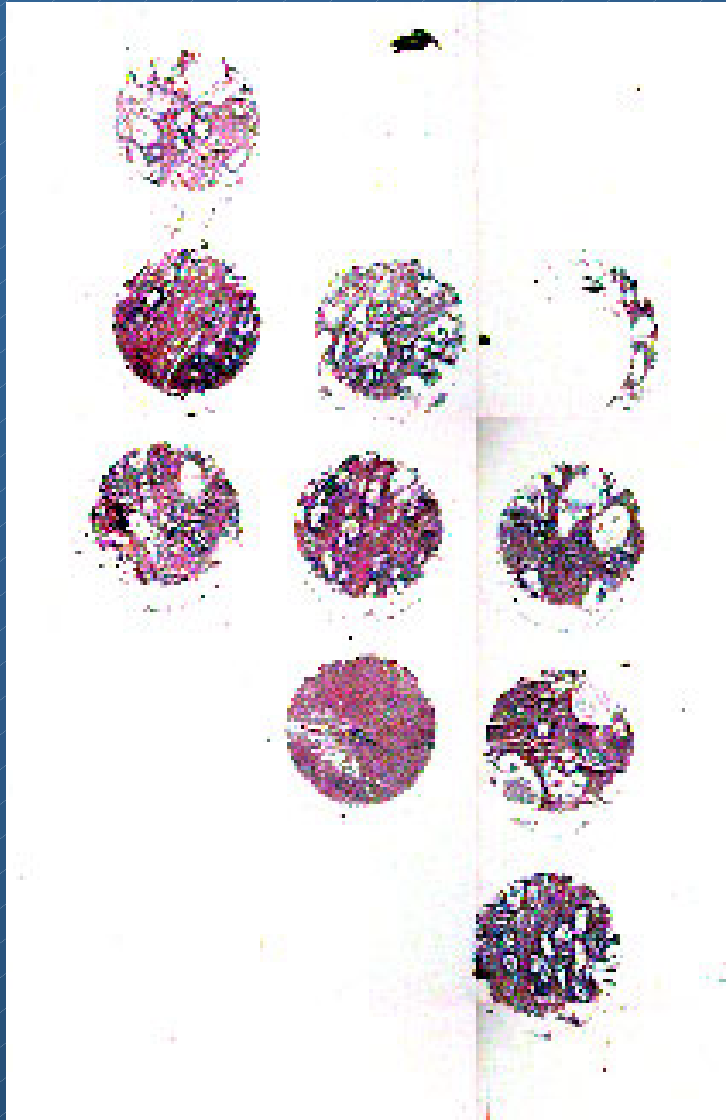
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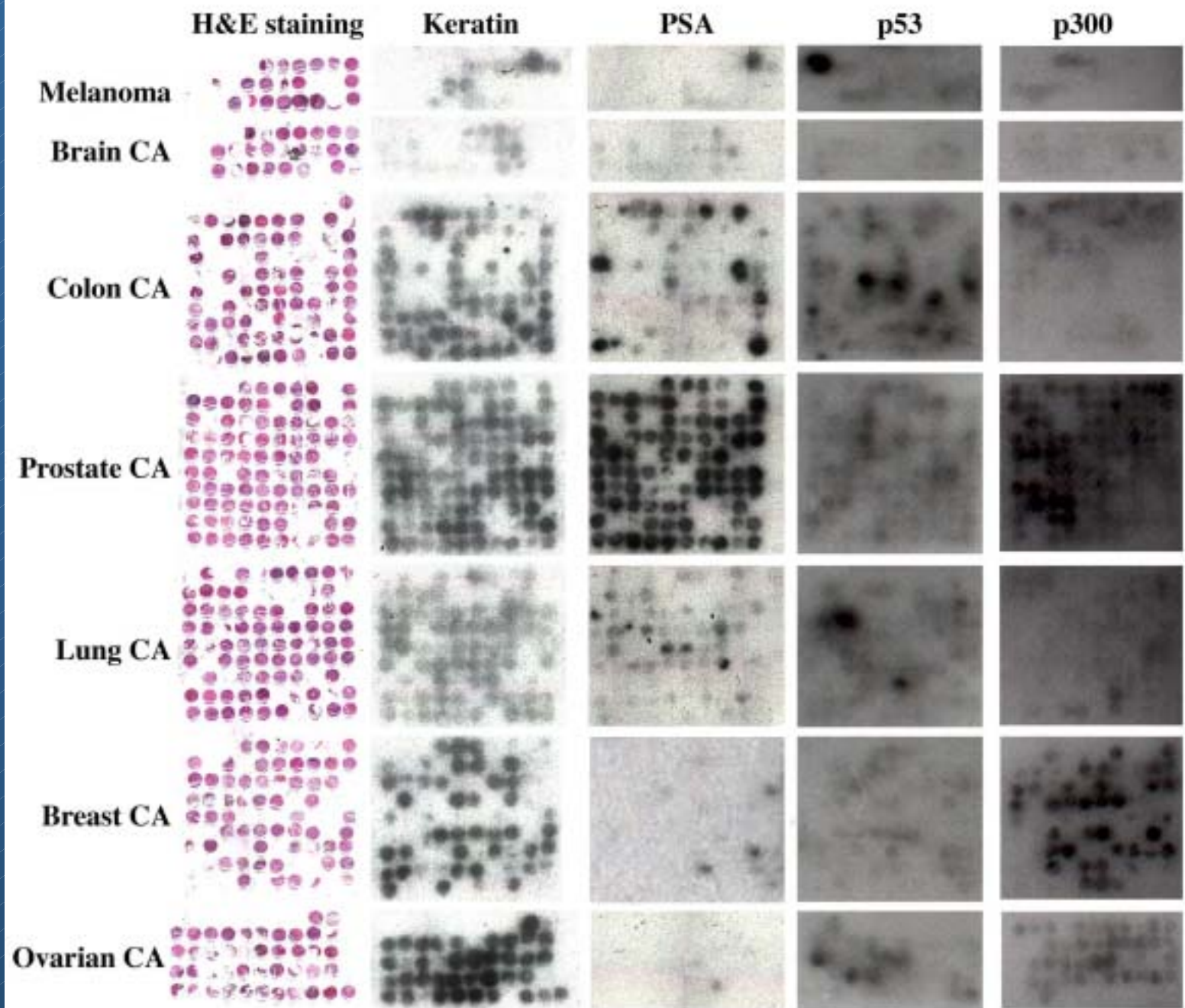




# Resolution Of Transfer







## PSA

## p53

## Keratin

IMMUNO-  
HISTOCHEMISTRY

MEMBRANE  
ARRAY

IMMUNO-  
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MEMBRANE  
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Melanoma



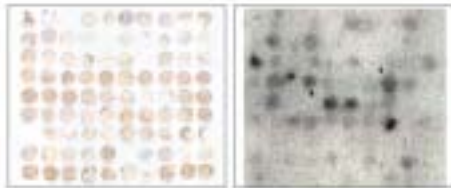
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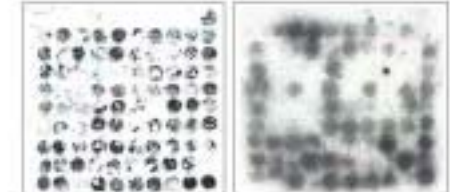
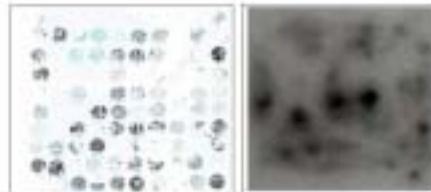
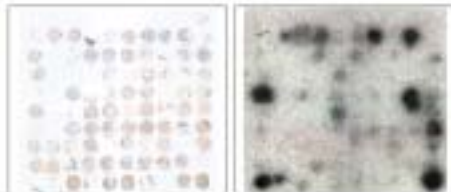
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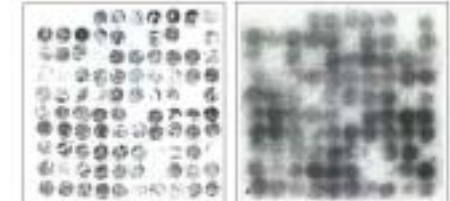
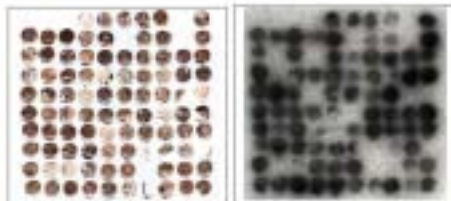
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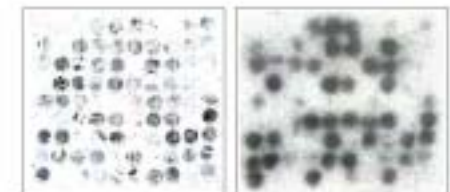
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